

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
District of Massachusetts

About the Office: The United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts has an opening in the Appeals Unit for an experienced appellate attorney.

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts has approximately 85 criminal trial AUSAs, 22 Civil AUSA's, and an Appellate Unit consisting of the Chief of Appeals and four appellate AUSA's.

Responsibilities In addition to reviewing appellate briefs written by trial AUSAs, the candidate will handle appeals (brief writing and argument), and provide expertise and assistance for significant legal issues that may arise in district court. The position involves daily interaction with trial AUSAs, generally at times of great stress for those AUSAs. Applicants should enjoy working with, and helping, other people, and be able to deliver constructive criticism, even under the pressure of imminent time deadlines.

Qualifications: Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least 5 years post-J.D. experience in criminal litigation.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants must have prior appellate experience, as well as a talent for, and firm commitment to, appellate work. The applicant must be highly knowledgeable about the substantive and procedural aspects of criminal practice; must be able to analyze legal issues quickly and correctly; must approach legal issues aggressively, creatively, and practically; and, of course, must write and edit extremely well. A federal clerkship is desirable.

U.S. citizenship is required.

Travel: The position involves little or no travel.

Salary Information: Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number years of professional attorney experience. The range of pay for this position is \$57,107 to \$125,772 for those not currently within the Federal system.

Location: The position is located in the U.S. Courthouse in Boston, Massachusetts

Relocation Expenses: No relocation expenses are authorized for this position.

Application Process and Deadline Date: Please see application procedures and forms located at our website: <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/ma>; click on employment.

Send completed forms to:
Michael Loucks, First Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office
John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 9200
Boston, MA 02210

No telephone calls please. Applications must be received by -December 19, 2005.

Department Policies: Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is appointed. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, status as a parent, membership or nonmembership in an employee organization, or personal favoritism. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214 or other substantiating documents) to their submissions.